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VIEWS AND FACTS

OF

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SPRINGFIELD Massachusetts

The City of Homes

Is beautifully located on the Connecticut River, at the gateway of the Berkshire Hills, only a short ride from New York, Boston, Albany and other large places.

FAMOUS FOR

- Its Schools, the Central and Technical High, both being model Institutions
- Its Parks, the largest one, "Forest Park," is famous the country over
- Its Beautiful Streets, fine roads, and country drives
- Its Public Library, one of the best in the country; no other city of equal size having one approaching it in value
- Its Art Museum, containing the invaluable collection of G. Walter Vincent Smith, which is known the world over
- Its Museum of Natural History and Science
- Its Beautiful Churches and Benevolent Institutions
- Its Fine Theatres, which obtain the best attractions
- Its Social Life, Clubs and Organizations
- Its Splendid Hotels, the new million dollar "Kimball" being the finest in New England
- Its Numerous Lodges and Fraternal Organizations
- Its Strong Financial Institutions and Insurance Companies
- Its Newspapers and other Publications of National reputation
- Its Progressive Board of Trade
- Its Fine Railroad Facilities—over 3,000 traveling men making their home here
- Its Skilled Mechanics in its many and varied lines of manufacturing
- Its Efficient Fire Department
- Its Fine Drinking Water, supplied by its new $2,000,000 system from the Berkshire Hills

Everything which makes a City Attractive for Business, Residence and Home

The Banking Institutions Have aided to a large extent, the wonderful growth and development of Springfield, and none can show a better record than the THIRD NATIONAL BANK, organized in 1864 by Frederick H. Harris, its present president, and George Walker.

The Third National Bank Has **paid** to its stockholders **$2,400,000** in **dividends,** being an average of over 10% per annum for the period of **47 years,** and has a **surplus** of more than **$600,000,** all of which was **earned** in its business.

Conservative Methods Were adopted from its beginning, and have been strictly adhered to; at the same time being **progressive** and **liberal.**

The Directors of the Bank Are all active in the supervision of its affairs and believe that the test of good banking is not in large figures, but in giving security and accommodation to its customers, together with prompt and efficient service. The affairs of the Bank are in the hands of the following Officers and Directors: President, F. H. Harris; Cashier, Frederick Harris; Assistant Cashier, A. J. Skinner. Directors: F. H. Harris, J. S. McElwain, Aaron Bagg, Jr., Frederick Harris, A. W. Damon, Joseph Shattuck, Jr., David Gordon.

The Accounts of Individuals, Firms and Corporations are wanted by the Third National Bank, which is prepared to extend every facility consistent with conservative banking.

Consult Us on any Banking Business—None is too small for our consideration.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK -:- Springfield, Massachusetts

Union Station, Lyman Street. Although this station is one of the most commodious in the country for handling large crowds, having over 900 feet of platform room, a still better one is being planned that will be adapted to the growing needs of this bustling city.

New York Central Freight Yards, one of the largest in New England—needed to ship "Springfield Products."

Cooley's Hotel and Railroad Arch, Main Street.

Looking North on Main Street to Hampden Savings Bank, the Springfield Union and Hampden Building.

Main Street near Post Office on a rainy day. Moisture has no effect on business in Springfield.

Looking up Busy Main Street from Third National Bank towards Railroad Arch.

The Whitney and Hitchcock Buildings, Cor. Main and Worthington Streets.

Hotel Kimball, corner of Chestnut and Bridge Streets, the city's latest and most magnificent hotel, and one of the largest in New England, having 320 rooms, and absolutely fireproof.

U. S. Post Office and Custom House. The new addition makes this office one of the most convenient and best lighted offices in the country. Springfield stands second in Massachusetts in business importance as gauged by Post Office receipts, which were $539,923.19 the past year 1910 an increase of 70% over five years ago. Springfield now stands third of all New England cities while five years ago it was fifth. The Post Office force now numbers 83 clerks and 70 carriers.

Myrick Building, Worthington Street, home of the publications of The Phelps Publishing Company and Orange Judd Company, whose subscribers can be found at nearly every post office in the United States and Canada. This building is also headquarters for the Springfield Board of Trade and the G. & C. Merriam Company, publishers of Webster's New International Dictionary. This dictionary has been published in Springfield continuously for 67 years by the same firm.

Main Street looking south from Railroad Arch and Massasoit House

The Worthy, opposite Post Office, showing new addition of 100 rooms.

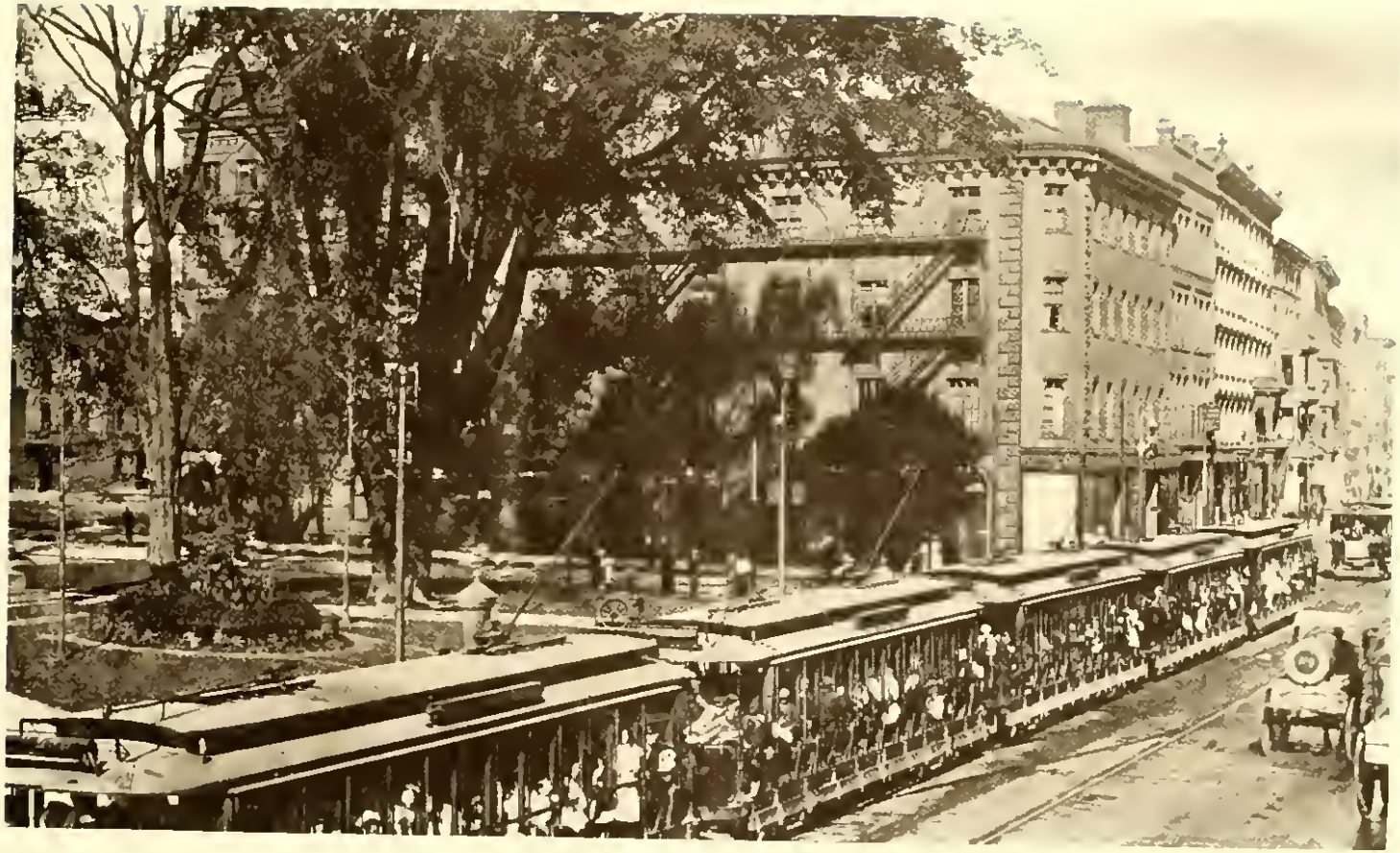
A "Canyon" Street—Hillman from Dwight to Main Street,
a necessity of every hustling city

Main Street at Corner of Worthington Street, the Busiest Corner in Springfield, where the traffic policeman has little rest.

From Albert Steiger & Co.'s, north on Main Street, viewed from Third National Bank—"The Bank by the Clock."

HAYNES HOTEL and the mammoth department store of FORBES & WALLACE. The big store is a little city by itself, employing 800 people.

Looking North on Main Street to the Big Store of Meekins, Packard & Wheat. This store employs 350 people and has eight acres of floor space. Its business is not confined to this section, large hotels and public buildings all over the East having been equipped by this firm



Main Street North From Court Square—A "trolley picnic" off for the day.

Court Square looking from Main Street to First Church and County Court House. Springfield's principal breathing spot in the heart of the city.

First Congregational Church, Court Square, the first built in Springfield.

Balloon Ascension From Court Square Extension.

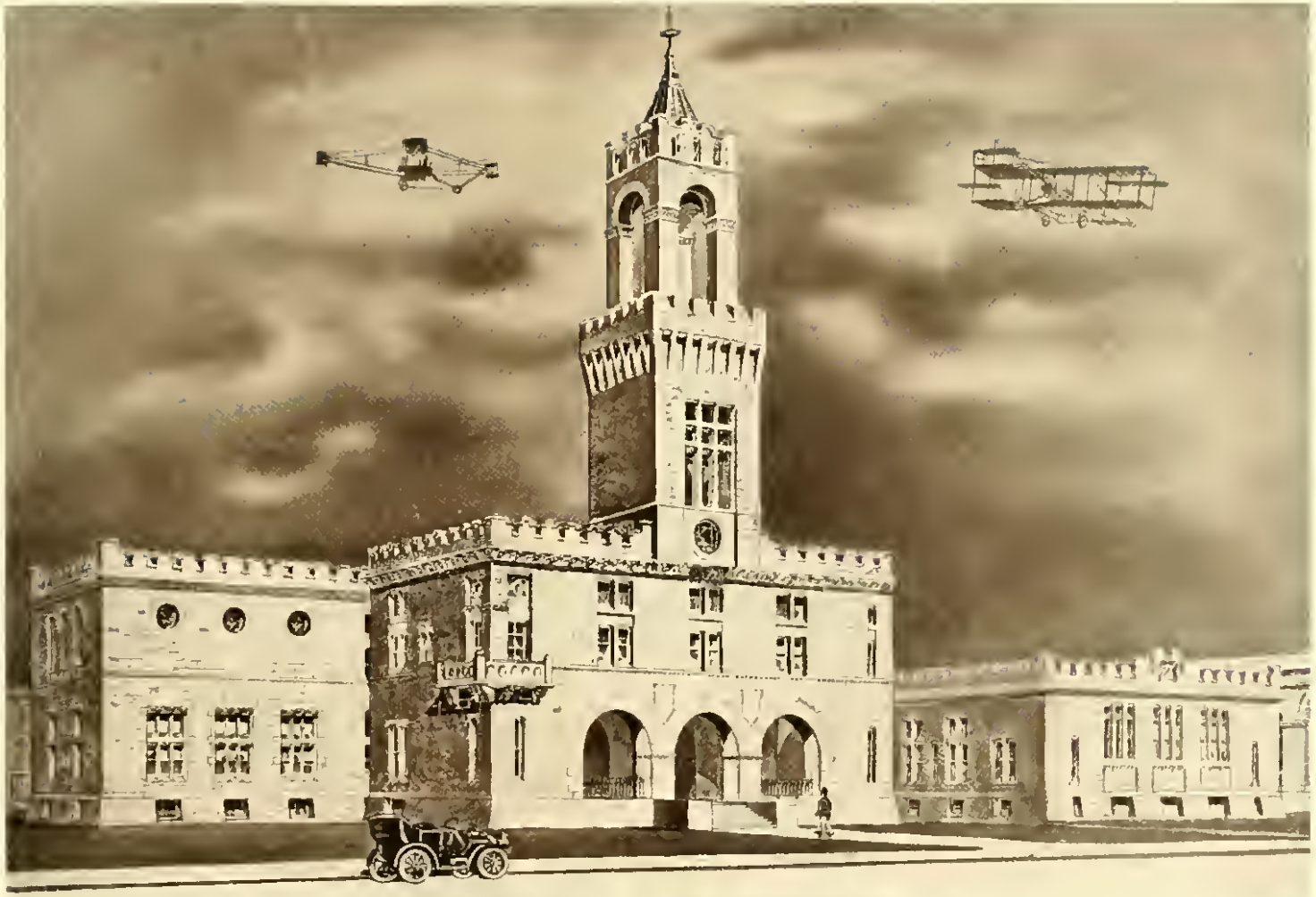
Pynchon Street Water Tower, with a 65-foot standpipe.

Winchester Park Hook and Ladder Truck.

Springfield's Up To Date Flying Squadron—40 Horse Power Knox Machines that fairly fly "when there's anything doing." Springfield's fire loss in 1909 was the lowest of any city in the state—$2.26 per capita.

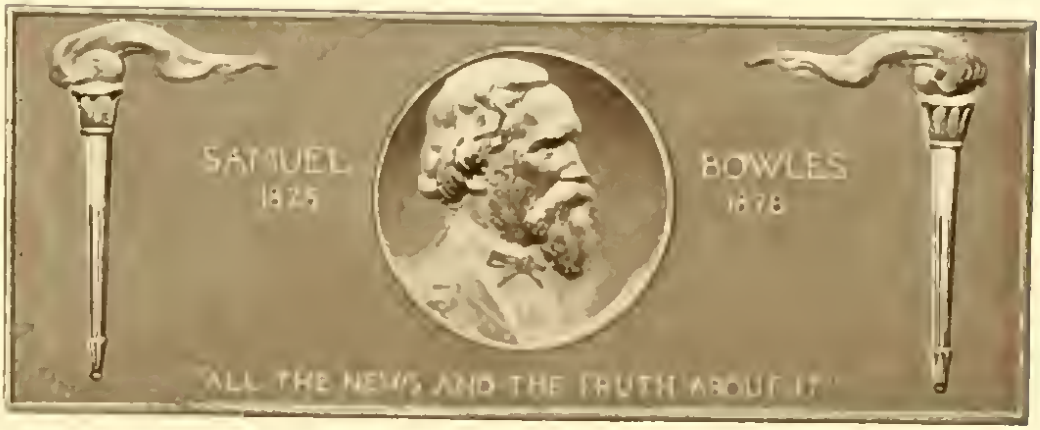
The Flying Squadron is all right but we still love our beautiful and intelligent Fire Department Horses.

Masonic Building, Corner Main and State Streets, with Winthrop Club further up State Street.



Hampden County Court House as recently enlarged, and Hall of Records.

HOME OF THE SPRINGFIELD REPUBLICAN, one of the leading newspapers of the country, which is better known and more often quoted than any paper of its class. The *Republican* has done as much as any one agency to spread abroad the fame of Springfield.



BRONZE TABLET of the late SAMUEL BOWLES which has been placed on the *Republican* Building, near main entrance.

Looking up Main Street from Flint & Brickett Building, which has lately had three new stories added to it.

New Office Building of Springfield Gas Light Co., West State Street.

New England Telephone Co.'s Building, Worthington Street.

New Office Building of United Electric Light Company, West State Street, one of the most artistic buildings in the city.

Home of Springfield Institution for Savings, Elm St.

Springfield Five Cents Savings Bank Building, which has been rebuilt and made an up-to-date office building.

Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company Building, State and Main Streets. Built of Indiana limestone. Contains 100,000 square feet floor space. Finest office building in the city.

The Nayasset Club's New and Elegant Club House, West State Street. For convenience and comfort, there are very few club houses its equal.

The Country Club of Springfield, situated on the beautiful hills of West Springfield, overlooking the valley.

Home Office of Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company, one of the oldest and best fire insurance companies in the country.

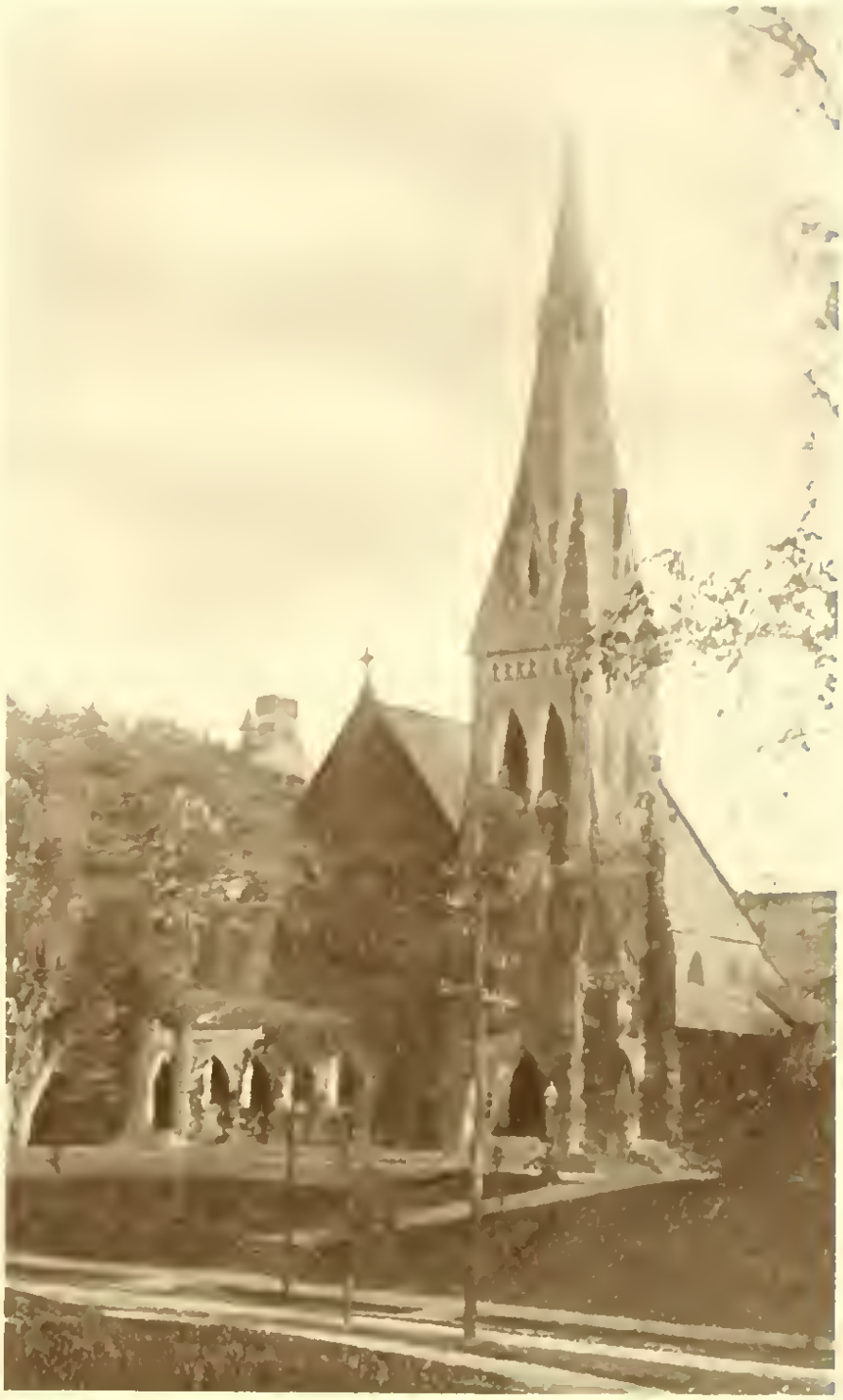
New Building of the City Library, now being finished. The cost of this beautiful building is $375,000 and as an example of architecture has few equals.

Art Museum, State Street, one of the finest examples of architecture in the country. Famous the world over for the valuable art collection of George Walter Vincent Smith.

The Art Museum, looking from Chestnut Street.

Museum of Natural History, Library Square.

Bronze Statue of "The Puritan" by St. Gaudens, given to the city by the late Chester W. Chapin in honor of Deacon Samuel Chapin, one of the early settlers of Springfield. Located in Merrick Park.



Church of the Unity, State Street

South Congregational Church, Maple Street

State Street Baptist Church, State Street

St. Michael's Cathedral, State Street

St. Paul's, First Universalist Church, Corner State and Spring Streets.

First Highland Baptist Church, Upper State Street.

International Y. M. C. A. Training School, where secretaries for Christian work are trained, the first institution of the kind in the country.

Home for Aged Women, Chestnut Street.

Boys' Club Building on Chestnut Street, one of the first institutions of the kind in the country

Building of the Young Men's Christian Association, State Street.

Young Women's Christian Association Building, Howard Street.

This picture shows the leading feature of FOREST PARK, known as the BARNEY ESTATE, at the southerly entrance to Springfield. In the im
Hill. From the Lookout on this hill can be seen Springfield, the river, the foothills of the Berkshires and the Mt. Tom range, about
Thousands of dollars and work of years have been expended here, for the public to enjoy "without money and without price,"—

diate foreground are the wonderful aquatic gardens with the Pecousic Brook flowing through to the Connecticut. Next comes Laurel elve miles away. On the Barney Estate are cultivated nearly every known variety of plant and shrub indigenous to this climate. l within a few minutes' walk of the heart of a hustling city.

Wesson Hospital and Nurses' Home, High Street. The latter building was for years, the home of the late D. B. Wesson, who endowed the hospital.

Cynthia Wesson Maternity Hospital, Corner Myrtle and High Streets.

The Mercy Hospital, Carew Street.

Views of the Springfield Hospital and Grounds, North Chestnut Street.

Central High School, State Street.

Technical High School, Elliot Street, where pupils are taught the useful trades. Springfield was one of the first cities to adopt this method of education.

Kensington Avenue School, Forest Park District, one of the newest schools in this rapidly growing district.

Forest Park Branch of the City Library

Representative Grammar Schools of Springfield
Forest Park School, Buckingham School, Chestnut Street School
The latter school is the largest of its class in New England

Looking up Maple Street from the corner of State Street, toward the Van Allen Apartment Houses and the "Chateau."

A view of beautiful Maple Street looking from the corner of High Street.

By the Street Entrance to United States Armory Grounds. The government began the manufacture of arms here in 1794. From the arsenal tower is obtained one of the finest views to be seen in Springfield.

Looking Down Federal Street From State Street

Entrance to the Armory Work Shops, Federal Street, where the celebrated Springfield rifles are made.

The Water Shops Building of the U. S. Government where many of Uncle Sam's big guns are manufactured.

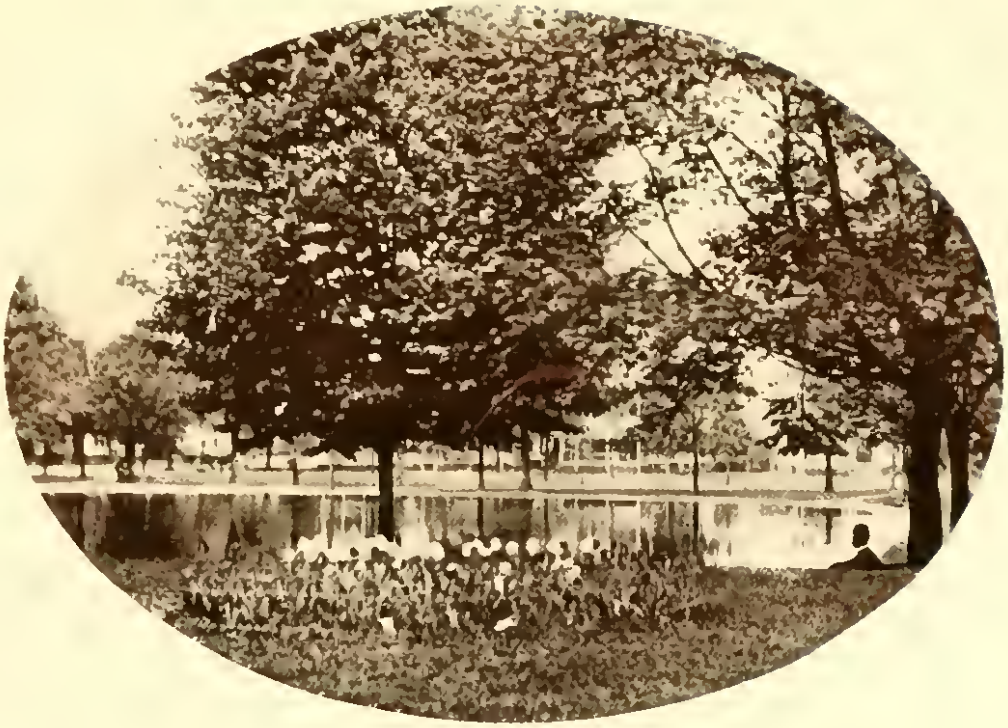
Benton Lawn and the State Street Elms.

Upper State Street and St. James Apartments from Benton Park.

From Winchester Square Down State Street, the leading avenue of the hill district

At "The X," Forest Park Section.

THREE VIEWS OF MAIN STREET.
Coming into the city at Memorial Church.
Memorial Church and Spanish War Veterans' Monument.
A pretty spot on South Main Street.



Calhoun Square, Chestnut Street.

McKnight Glen, Ingersoll Grove

View from Manhattan Apartment House on Long Hill looking south to the Connecticut River. Showing residences of Mrs. Sarah J. Bull and C. C. Lewis.

LONGMEADOW STREET, the most beautiful suburb of Springfield, which is being rapidly built up by Springfield people.

At Sumner Avenue Entrance of Forest Park.

The Lower Entrance to Forest Park and the Barney Estate at Laurel Hill.

Mirror Lake at the Main Entrance of Forest Park.

Three Pretty Roadways in Forest Park.

The Greenhouse at Forest Park, donated by Dwight O. Gilmore.

Wading Pond for Youngsters at Forest Park.

The Skating Pond at Forest Park, when this winter sport is at its best. Skating can be enjoyed here without danger.

Laurel Hill looking towards the Connecticut river, showing the Barney Mausoleum, The Three Graces and "Lookout." Mountain Laurel and Rhododendrons can be seen in profusion at this spot in the "Rosy month of June."

Looking from Laurel Hill towards the residence of E. H. Barney.

Barney Mausoleum and the Three Graces on the brow of Laurel Hill.

The Cascade on Barney Estate, Forest Park.

Rustic Pavilion and Lake, Forest Park.

Forest Park and the River—"As the shades of night draw nigh."

Springfield's Bloodhounds at Forest Park.

Springfield's Deer Preserve at Forest Park.

Elk or Wappiti Deer in Forest Park.

The Big Buffalo Bull in Forest Park.

"Susie," the Timber Wolf, and Her Shy Family, raised in Forest Park.

A Baby Bear, born in Forest Park, weighing 12 ounces "Mother Bruin" weighed 600 pounds.

Some of the Blooded Live Stock owned by the City at Forest Park.

On the Banks of the Connecticut River, near the western entrance to Forest Park.

South End Bridge and view down Connecticut River to Longmeadow bluffs.

Landing of the Springfield Yacht Club and Springfield Canoe Club, where over two hundred yachts and canoes are owned for enjoying the beauties of the river. The Old Toll Bridge seen in background will, ere long, be replaced by a beautiful modern bridge.

Yachting Headquarters During Race Week.

A glimpse through the trees on the road to the Country Club in West Springfield.

North End Bridge across the Connecticut River to West Springfield.

Connecticut River from North End Bridge, Looking South.

View of the Connecticut Valley From Meeting House Hill, West Springfield. The Mt. Tom and Mt. Holyoke Ranges, ten miles away.

View of King's Island, in the Connecticut River, just above the railroad bridge at Warehouse Point, Conn. This is a simple picture, but it means much to the future growth of Springfield, and enjoyment of the river, for which the navigation committee of the Springfield Board of Trade have been working many years. A $5,000,000 corporation has been formed to build a dam across the river just below King's Island, shown above. The power generated will furnish electricity to Springfield and other places within a radius of 50 miles. The Windsor Locks canal and the river will be improved and made navigable for steamers of 7-foot draught. After all these improvements are carried out, and they are not very far off, it will be no "pipe dream" to see the steamer, "*City of Springfield*," making regular trips between the "Magnet City" and Long Island Sound

Mt. Tom, Mass., showing electric railway to the Summit House. View in corner shows electric car passing through rock cut. One of the great advantages of living in any city is to have "a place to go to." A large share of Springfield's pleasure touring is to Mount Tom and Mount Holyoke. Mount Tom is 1218 feet above sea level and easily reached by trolley cars. Mount Holyoke, 984 feet above sea level, is reached via Northampton and ferry to foot of mountain or by the new automobile road direct to the summit.

Mt. Holyoke, Mass., showing inclined railway and Prospect House from the Connecticut River.

View of Connecticut River and Valley, looking towards Hadley from Prospect House.

View of Connecticut River and the Ox-Bow, looking towards Easthampton from Prospect House.

Toast to Springfield

By Lester F. Herrick

There's a Springfield in Ohio and there's one in Illinois,
There's another in Kentucky where the blue grass waves in joy,
Even Hoosier Indiana claims a Springfield as her own,
While Missouri boasts her Springfield and is waiting to be shown.

There's a Springfield in Nebraska, and Wisconsin also counts,
While the Springfield, Colorado, rears its head among the mounts,
Oregon and South Dakota do not have to seek in vain,
Washington on the Pacific has its Springfield; so has Maine.

In New Jersey and New Hampshire, in Vermont and Tennessee,
Minnesota, West Virginia, there are Springfields three and three;
'Way down south in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, as well,
Still we find the name of Springfield, still we feel its mystic spell.

But when people mention Springfield, none of these come to mind;
There's *another better* Springfield than the others all combined,
Yes, a *bigger, grander* Springfield which *in all ways can surpass*
The score of other Springfields—*Here's a health to Springfield, Mass.*

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